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In re application of M. Yokoi, et al.

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Title: Immunoassay Reagent And Immunoassay Method

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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After assigning a serial number to the above-captioned application and before calculating the fee, please undertake the following changes:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, line 8, after "antibody,", please insert --the aforementioned insoluble carrier comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of an organic polymer powder particle, microorganism, blood cell and cell membrane fragment,--;

Page 6, line 21, after "antibody,", please insert --the aforementioned insoluble carrier comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of an organic polymer powder particle, microorganism, blood cell and cell membrane fragment,--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 11 as follows: